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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 11 through lines 26 with the following paragraph:

-- In the known structure shown in Figs. 6 and 7, the tube-connecting fittings 122 are connected to the lateral surfaces of the body 112 at positions below the bottom surface of the swing structure main frame 1. This means the necessity of a space between the opening 115 of the main frame 1 and the body 112 for allowing passage of the tubes 121 and enabling work, such as connection and disconnection of the tubes 121, to be performed therein. In other words, a large gap (space) is required between the opening 115 of the main frame 1 and the body 112. As a result, earth and sand are dropped and accumulated on the mount plate ~~444~~14 of the spindle ~~443~~13, which serves as a mount member for the swivel joint 111, from above the swing structure main frame 1. Thus, the known structure easily allows dust, including earth/sand and water, to enter a lower-end sliding portion of the body 112 with respect to the spindle ~~443~~13.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~29~~¹⁹, line 27 through page 20 line 9 with the following paragraph:

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-- Although the dust seal is disposed in the lower-end sliding portion of the body 112 with respect to the spindle ~~443~~13 to prevent intrusion of dust, including earth/sand and water, it is often hard in fact to completely prevent intrusion of the dust. The dust seal is intended to primarily prevent intrusion of small solid matters (dust) and has a difficulty in completely preventing intrusion of water. There is reported a trouble case where muddy water or the like intruded through the lower-